

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 9, 2004

Board Members: Larry Swift, Chair (District #9)
Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Bruce Romanish (District #3)
Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Duane Sommers (District #5)
Allie "AJ" Joiner (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Vice-Chair (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Rita Reandeau (District #6)

Superintendent: Todd Reeves

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Guests: Dana Pride, Federation
Dawn Smith, PSO
Jan Sorenson, WPEA
Donna Power, Academic Administrator
Jackie Fransen, Early Infant Toddler Specialist
Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of June 10, 2004, Board meeting minutes

Duane Sommers made a motion to approve June 10, 2004, minutes. It was seconded by Bruce Romanish, voted on (AJ abstained) and approved.

Review of Board Retreat in Spokane

- Results of the Board self-evaluation (Attachment A)
 - Pat Clothier moved that the objectives outlined in Attachment A be adopted. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- Short Term Goals (Objectives) for 2004/-05 (Attachment B)

- A timeline for a position paper was discussed and it was agreed that the paper would be completed by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2005). This document will be used for the next several years so it must be a document that will serve the needs of children throughout the state who are deaf, hard of hearing as well as those with cochlear implants. Todd Reeves will head the work on the position paper with the assistance of WSD staff, Board members and outside resources.
- Bonnie Decker moved that the short term goals be adopted. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- Topics for Staff Presentations at Board Meetings (Attachment C)
 - Staff presentations for future Board meetings were discussed. No action was taken on this item.

Publicity

A series of articles regarding WSD graduates, current students and happenings at WSD was discussed. Todd Reeves and Rick Hauan will be meeting with ESD 112 communication department next week and these topics will be discussed.

Comprehensive special education program review and plan of correction (Todd Reeves)

- A letter dated August 17, 2004, was received from OSPI stating that WSD's Corrective Action Plan has been approved.
- Todd Reeves reviewed WSD's Corrective Action Plan, timelines and those responsible for overseeing specific core questions.

Overview of IDEA and its impact on WSD (Todd Reeves)

- IDEA is currently being reauthorized. The previous IDEA was reauthorized in 1997. A House version was passed in 2003 and the senate version was approved in June 2004. They are currently in "conference committee" and committee members from both the House and the Senate are being selected.
- "Comments on the Senate IDEA Reauthorization Bill" dated June 18, 2003. The various sections and recommendations in this document were reviewed.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for 1 hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent. The meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m.

Agenda items for future meetings:

- December/January: Ideas for discussions/meetings with legislators

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2004.

Adjournment

Duane Sommers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Bonnie Decker, Chair
WSD Board of Trustees

Todd Reeves, Superintendent
Washington School for the Deaf

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